

Postage stamps authenticating the sender of a mail piece, and methods for use therewith

Abstract of Disclosure

A would-be purchaser of postage stamps is required to provide information indicative of his or her identity, for example by means of an identity code. The identity code is then imprinted upon the stamps and the stamps are then provided to the purchaser. The imprint may be a bar code, and the imprinted information may be cryptographically signed. The imprinted information may be printed in such as way as to be invisible to the naked eye.

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Figures

Figure 1: A line graph showing the relationship between the number of figures and the number of pages. The x-axis is labeled 'Number of Figures' and ranges from 0 to 10. The y-axis is labeled 'Number of Pages' and ranges from 0 to 10. The data points are (0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6), (7, 7), (8, 8), (9, 9), and (10, 10). The line is a straight line with a slope of 1.